

## International Day of Peace 2023 - Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals. Information Sheet

Established in 1981, International Day of Peace is observed annually around the world every 21st of September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of non-violence and ceasefire.

The 2023 theme for the International Day of Peace is Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals. It is a call to action that recognizes our individual and collective responsibility to foster peace. Fostering peace contributes to the realization of the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals will create a culture of peace for all.

Under the umbrella of Messengers of Peace Initiative, for the past nine years, The International Day of Peace is celebrated by Scouts as a day of creating awareness, inspiring young people, and leaders to make it a commitment day for year-round peace actions.

### Goal for International Day of Peace 2023

Our goal for this day is to involve a large number of young people in peace actions/activities at all levels with the objective of creating massive awareness on the roles they can play as global citizens leading to positive changes in their communities.

As 2023 marks the midpoint in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the emphasis for this year centres around fostering peace and its pivotal role. The chosen theme, "Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals," serves as a resounding call to action, highlighting our individual and collective responsibility to actively nurture peace. By fostering peace, we make significant contributions towards the attainment of the SDGs, ultimately fostering a culture of peace that transcends borders and benefits all individuals.

### Objectives

- To commemorate the International Day of Peace through active involvement of Scouts in their communities
- To inspire and support Scouts to talk on Peace Actions with other Scouts, non-Scouts, and community members.
- To raise awareness on issues in their communities and the importance of everyone in the undertaking actions towards development of peace culture
- To actively contribute to Sustainable Development Goals through community service, community development, development education initiatives based on the context/need of the respective community.

Action Period: 12<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Target Groups:

- Scouts of all ages: executing the activities and interacting with community members
- Non-Scouts: understanding peace, undertaking peace activities with Scouts, and committing to continue to be Messengers of Peace

### Guidance to Scout Groups

Scout Groups are requested to plan, organize, coordinate, and implement International Peace Day activities at Group and Community Level. We encourage Scout Groups to:

- Promote International Day of Peace through social media channels.
- As much as possible involve the community and public in undertaking actions promoting the International Day of Peace Day
- Document and report actions carried out by end of September 2023 to the Scout Association of Maldives.

## International Day of Peace Activity Ideas

2023 theme for the International Day of Peace, “Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals”. Below are some of activity ideas:

### 1. Peace Video Clip /Talent Show

To provide social media platforms where Scouts can share their video clips, for example:

- What peace means to individuals and their own peace perception speech.
- Their peace activities serving in the communities.
- Tell personal experiences and stories on happiness they find in helping others.
- MoP Dance Music Video (with their own choreography or unique dance moves)
- Scout talents such as singing inspiring songs with the theme of peace, play music, or any other performances that would provoke thinking in the viewers.

### 2. Peace Picture and Pledges

Take some pictures that reflect any expression, ideal or messages of peace. Share them in social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, etc.) with a nice message that includes the word SCOUT. Pictures must be original. Pictures can also be taken in “selfie” style displaying a pledge to build awareness that peace culture is a daily effort with small acts of kindness. It is important to recognize that “Peace starts with me”.

### 3. Live Interview or Webinar

A series of live interviews or webinars on how we can contribute to “Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals” and be used as a step towards the International Day of Peace.

### 4. Peace Awareness Workshop

Conduct peace education workshops or seminars to educate young people about conflict resolution, tolerance, and acceptance.

### 5. Peace themed film screening.

Host a peace-themed film screening followed by a discussion to engage students in conversations about peace, justice, and reconciliation. (Suggested movies: The Karate kid, Iron Giant, The Jungle Book, Taare Zameen Par, Pocahontas, A life on our planet etc)

### 6. Peace Walk / Rally / Run

Organize a peace walk / rally or run to bring awareness to a specific issue or promote unity and understanding among different groups within the community.

### 7. Peace Wall / Bulletin Board / Peace Booth / Peace Art Distribution

Create a peace wall or bulletin board in the school/ Scout Groups where scouts share messages of peace, kindness, tolerance, and acceptance. Create and distribute peace-themed art to Government offices, schools and other institutions or display in the public places. Art pieces such as posters, murals, or graphic designs, to spread the message of peace and cultivate a culture of non-violence.

### 8. Health Care Service

To build a wider impact, you can partner with a government institution, such as Health Center/ Hospital/individual doctors/Red Crescent Local Branch to help you organize a free health check and blood donation etc.

### 9. Contribution to SDGs

As an active global citizen, Scouts also have the responsibility to take actions contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These are some actions that you may take based on SDGs.

- SDG 1: No Poverty
- SDG 2: Zero Hunger
- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 5: Gender Equality
- SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- SDG 13: Climate Action
- SDG 14: Life Below Water
- SDG 15: Life on Land
- SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

### Promoting International Day of Peace Activities

It is encouraged that Scout Groups use the following medium and channels to promote the actions/activities carried out:

- Scouts for SDGs website >> <https://sdgs.scout.org/>
- Social media channels of the Scout Groups
- Hashtags >> #MoPmv #ScoutsMaldives #Scouts4SDGs

### Peace Day Badge

Those Scouts who take part in the International Day of Peace Day actions/activities will be eligible for the Peace Day Badge from the Scout Shop.



### Reporting

For reporting, please use the report form attached to the circular. Ensure that all activities held in celebration of the International Day of Peace are well documented and reported.

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